IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John H. Givens

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For: UTILIZATION OF ENERGY ABSORBING LAYER TO IMPROVE METAL FLOW AND FILL IN A NOVEL INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed May 14, 2008, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on August 14, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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